

What if I am not eligible to participate in AGES, but need assistance or support?

You may not meet eligibility requirements to participate specifically in AGES, but every family in Wisconsin has access to an array of existing services and supports. Wisconsin offers post-permanency support to families throughout the state.

Wisconsin Post Adoption

Resource Centers:

Western Region: 888-212-4357

Northern Region: 888-212-4357

Northeastern Region: 800-998-9609

Southern Region: 800-236-4673

Southeastern Region: 800-762-8063

Foster Care and Adoption

Resource Center:

800-762-8063

Notes:

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Adoption and Guardianship Enhanced Support



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or AGES is a voluntary program for adoptive or guardianship families who live in the Northeastern region of Wisconsin and need help in reducing familial stress. The Wisconsin Department of Children and Families and the National Quality Improvement Center for Adoption & Guardianship Support Preservation (QIC-AG) developed this new program, with the goals of:

- Reducing family stress
- Stabilizing relationships
- Increasing a family's skills to manage challenging behaviors

AGES is part of a 5-year research study and if successful,, the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families may expand the program statewide.



What does AGES have to offer?

AGES provides service coordination and navigation to empower families to overcome struggles. AGES is a family-driven program based on family strengths and needs.

What should I expect when participating in AGES?

- Your family and the AGES worker will develop a family guided approach to strengthen supports and achieve goals you establish together.
- Participation in AGES is voluntary and may end at any time you choose.

Who are the AGES workers?

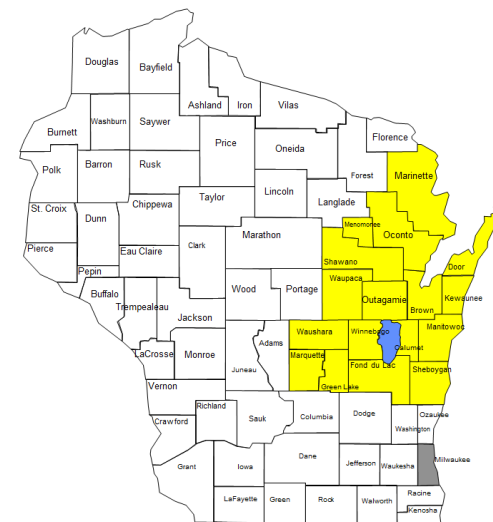
AGES workers are Certified Social Workers. They will work with families once the screening process is complete and the eligibility requirements are met. An AGES worker will discuss the components of AGES with you. The AGES worker will:

- Gather information to support your family-driven plan.
- Offer support in assessing your family needs and strengths.
- Help with navigating and coordinating services for your family.
- Assist your family in building a network of formal and informal supports.



Eligibility for AGES:

- Families who have a completed any type of adoption or guardianship.
- Families who reside in the Northeastern Region of Wisconsin, including tribal members.
- There is not an active foster care license or open child welfare case in the home.
- Family meets an “indicated” level of need during the screening process.
 - The “indicated” level simply means that your family is indicating issues or stress and that you reach-out to one of the entry points.



What are the entry points for AGES?

If you are interested in being screened for eligibility to participate in AGES, please call one of the following entry points to begin the screening process:

- Northeastern Post-Adoption Resource Center
800-998-9609
- Foster Care and Adoption Resource Center
800-762-8063
- Department of Children and Families Central
Office: 608-267-3905
- Department of Children and Families Adoption
Assistance Office: 866-666-5532